

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Laurel Wilt Disease Mitigation

2. Date of Submission: 11/14/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Holly Raschein

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4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? Yes
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non- vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds (Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)
Input Amounts:		150,000	150,000		150,000	150,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? No

5a. If yes, which state agency?

5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes

5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

This would be a reimbursement program so if deliverables are not met, no funding is expended.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Charles LaPradd
- b. Organization: Agriculture Manager, Miami-Dade County
- c. Email: charles.lapradd@miamidade.gov
- d. Phone #: (305)971-5091

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Derek Buchanan
- b. Organization: Director of Policy & Budget, Florida Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services
- c. Email: derek.buchanan@freshfromflorida.com
- d. Phone #: (850)410-2293

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Diana Ferguson
- b. Firm: Rutledge Ecenia, PA
- c. Email: dferguson@rutledge-ecenia.com
- d. Phone #: (850)681-6788

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Florida Avocado Administrative Committee
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Miami-Dade
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Miami-Dade

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- ☐ For Profit
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☐ Local Government
- ☐ University or College
- ☒ Other (Please describe) USDA affiliated tax exempt non-profit

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

Mitigating the spread of Laurel Wilt disease through strategies developed in conjunction with the Florida Department of Agriculture, UF/IFAS, the Florida Avocado Committee and Miami-Dade County, to include the removal of dead trees. Reducing the spread and distribution of the disease to provide a window for new technologies and treatments that are coming online to manage the spread.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Laurel Wilt mitigation strategies including testing, treatment, removal/destruction, and disposal.	150,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		150,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category "h. Fixed Capital Outlay" was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

N/A

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners (Resolution R-880-15, R-1436-08, Ordinance 16-77; 2015-2016 & 2016-2017 adopted budget of Miami-Dade County). Florida Farm Bureau, Dade County Farm Bureau, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Tropical Fruit Growers of South Florida and Florida Avocado Growers.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

The University of Florida/IFAS has concluded this course of action as the current best approach for mitigation, as outlined in publication: Ploetz, R.C., J.M. Pérez-Martínez, J.A. Smith, M. Hughes, and Y. Fu. 2010. Response of avocado to laurel wilt, caused by *Raffaelea lauricola*. Plant Disease (abstract). Also recommended in UF/IFAS publication: Recommendations for Ambrosia Beetle and Laurel Wilt Pathogen Control in Commercial Groves 2016.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

No

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		

<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education	Reduction in the spread and distribution of Laurel Wilt allowing time for new technologies and treatments coming online to create and environment where the disease is manageable.	Visual survey of disease spread will be utilized to quantify and document effectiveness.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2018-19 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	150,000	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	150,000	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No